

CLAIMS

1. A nucleic acid fragment having the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:1 in the Sequence Listing, or having the same nucleotide sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:1 except that one or more nucleotides are substituted or deleted, or one or more nucleotides are inserted therein or added thereto, which has an activity to promote expression of a structural gene located downstream thereof.
2. The nucleic acid fragment according to claim 1, which has a nucleotide sequence homology of not less than 70% to the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:1 in the Sequence Listing.
3. A nucleic acid fragment having the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:1 in the Sequence Listing, or a nucleic acid fragment which hybridizes with the nucleic acid fragment under stringent conditions, which has an activity to promote expression of a structural gene located downstream thereof.
4. The nucleic acid fragment according to claim 1, which has the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:1 in the Sequence Listing or a part thereof that has an activity to promote expression of a structural gene located downstream thereof.
5. The nucleic acid fragment according to claim 4, which has the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:1 in the Sequence Listing.
6. The nucleic acid fragment according to claim 1, which has the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:2 in the Sequence Listing.
7. A recombinant vector comprising said nucleic acid fragment according to any one of claims 1 to 6, and a structural gene located downstream of said nucleic acid fragment, by which expression of said structural gene is promoted by said nucleic acid fragment.
8. A method for promoting expression of a structural gene comprising inserting said nucleic acid fragment according to any one of claims 1 to 6 into a site upstream of said structural gene.

9. A plant in which expression of a desired structural gene is promoted by the method according to claim 7, or a progeny thereof retaining the character.